

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 stand rejected and claims 8-9 stand objected to. The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 10-13 and determining allowable subject matter in dependent claims 8-9. Applicant has canceled claim 8 and re-written claim 6 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Claims 1-5 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections to those claims moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 6 and its dependent claim 9 are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance along with claims 10-13. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above-identified Application to issue at the earliest possible time.


Should the Examiner find the above-identified Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes that may be deemed advisable in a telephonic or personal interview.

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Respectfully submitted,

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